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SUBJECT.

Rejects the appeal petition of Singrachar and Bh of Chickkaballapura, against the order of the Deputy Commissioner of the Kolar Dist. regarding their claim to the "Agratheertha Honors in the Sri Ranganatha S Temple at Rangasthala, Chickkaballapura Taluk.

PREVIOUS REFERENCES.	LATER REFERENCES.

MUZRAI DEPARTMENT.

OFFICE NOTE.

SUBJECT:— "Agra Teertha" honor in the Sree Ranganatha-swami Temple at Ranga-sthala, Chickaballapur Taluk

LAST REFERENCE.

Letter No. 1306/307 dated 23rd ~~form~~ October 1897 from the Dy Commissioner, Kolar Dt, submitting the records.

This is an Appeal presented by Acharyapuru-shas Bhattra Charya and Singracharya of Ranga-sthala, against the order of the Dy Commissioner (Mr Rangaswamiengar) rejecting their claim to the "Agra Teertha" honor in the Sri Ranganathaswami Temple at Rangasthala

in the Chickaballapur Taluk.

The facts of the case are :—

His Holiness the Swami of the Sri Parakala Matt addressed a Sreemukha dated [illegible] of the year [illegible] (1894–95), to the Sub-Dn Officer of Chickaballapur requiring that "Agra Tertha" and other honors in the Sri Ranganathaswami Temple at Rangasthala should be given to the Sree Parakala Matt, in pursuance of the Nirup granted by His Highness the late Maharaja Krishna Raja Wadiyar III. In continuation of this Sreemukha the Agent of the Matt addressed a Yadi, dated 2nd November 1894

intimating the appointment of one Tirumale Tatachar to receive the "Agra Teertha" honors on behalf of the Matt, and requesting that necessary orders be issued to the Amildar of the Chickaballapur Taluk. With this Yadi, he forwarded a copy of the Sanad granted by H. H. the late Maharaja Krishnaraja Wodiyar III, dated 20th May 1811.

The Sanad runs thus:-

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[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]".

2. Before the receipt of the Sreemukha or the Sanad referred to above, Venkata-Battarachar and his brother Ramachar alias Ramapulla Bhattarachar of Chikkaballapur, appear to have gone and personally ~~misunderstood~~ informed the Sub-Division Offr

Officer, that it was
manual in their family
to enjoy the "Agra Tertha"
honors in the said temple.
They had accordingly
given a statement before
that Officer to the same
effect. In the statement
they also added that
in case both of them were
present in the temple,
both were entitled to the
honors; that if one
should be present, he
was entitled to them; and
that the Archak alone should
repeat what is noted in the
margin and then give
them [illegible] and [illegible], the
rest of the persons present
in the temple being given

On the 29th
October 1894.

"[illegible]"

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Hereafter.

3 The Sub-Division Officer (Mr A. Krishna-Sami Iyengar) forwarded this statement as well as the Zadi ~~of~~ to the Amildar, observing that, in pursuance of the Nirup of H. H. the Maharaja dated 20th May 1811, the "Agra Tertha" honors require to be given to the Sri Parakalaswami Matt, but ~~and~~ at the same time directing the Amildar to intimate the fact to the said Venkata Bhattrachar and Ramachar and submit a statement from them as to what they would say—

x With his Hukkum no 300 dated 31st October 1894

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4. In the Course of the enquiry Venkata Bhattra Char and Ramachar deposed before the Taluk Shristedar that the "First Tertha" honors were being enjoyed by their family for upwards of a hundred years; that in accordance with the terms of the Sanad of 1811 they would have no objection to the honors being given to the Swami, whenever His Holiness personally visits the temple; and that since the issue of the Sanad in question never did the Swami visit the temple nor

on, the 6th Nov 1894

Nor was a local representative appointed to receive the honors, on behalf of the Matt. The Acharyapurushas also presented a copy of the Sakeed issued by the then Amildar of the Chikkaballapur Taluk in 1844 to all the Shekdars Shanbhogues and Patels in the Taluk, recognizing the right of Parasara Bhattara Singrachar (one of the ancestors of the peters) to certain privileges as the Acharyapurusha in the Taluk; and also another copy of the same, issued in the year 20 ow to the same effect. These papers having been

Dated 9th October 1844

submitted

1874

In his order no 3 dated 8th Nov 1894.

Submitted by the Amildar, the Sub-Dn Officer directed that pending the production of sufficient authority if any, by the petitioners, Venkata Bhattrachar and Ramachar, in support of their claim to "Agra Teertha" honors in the said temple, the Samad of 1811 should be given effect to, by allowing the honors to the Sri Parakala Matt as required by the Swami in his Sreemukha.

5 This order of the Sub-Dn Officer was communicated to the peters, who, however, in their subsequent statement

before the Taluk Shirstedar

(on the 10th November 1894),

agreed to the 1st honors

being paid to the Swami of the Sri Parakala

Matt or his Agents. But

they insisted upon the

Arulapadu being conducted

in the name of Parasara

Bhattaru, after the 1st honors

being paid to the Matt. The Amildar, in reporting the matter

to the Sub-Dn Officer, observed

~~matter was reported to the~~

that the local enquiry showed that the peters were in receipt

of the "Agra Tertha" honors

the Sub-Dn Officer, ~~[illegible]~~ accordingly

approved x of the arrangement

viz that the 1st honors shd

be paid to the Matt and then

to Venkata Bhattarachar,

one of the petitioners.

x In his Hukkum No 481 dated 10th November 1894

6 ~~Upon~~ Against this order of the

Sub-Division Officer,

Venkata Bhattarachar

petitioned ~~[illegible]~~

the

the Dy Commissioner on the 23rd July 1895, stating that, under the Government Ins of 1895, the Samad of 1811 could only be enforced in those particular Temples where it had been enforced without interruption, but that where such enjoyment was wanting, the Matt could not be allowed to claim the privileges in ~~the~~ question, on the strength of the Samad. This petition was forwarded to the Sub-Division Officer for disposal or report if necessary. The latter, (Mr B. G. Krishnamurthy) thereupon issued an

Endorsement to the petur that, in conformity with the Sanad of 1811 and in pursuance of the petitioners own deposition, the matter had been already settled by ~~the~~ his predecessor and it could not therefore be reopened.

× Dated 9-9-1895

7 On the 19th October 1895 Venkata Bhattarachar petitioned this office, but he was referred to the Dy Commissioner (vide Endt no 886 dated 8th January 1897. Ramapulla Bhattarachar alias Ramachar, Bhattarachar son of Raghunatha Bhattaru and Singra Char son of Venkata Bhattarachar

~~The~~ ~~[illegible]~~ accordingly appealed to the ~~Sub-Dy Officer~~ Dy Commissioner on the 8th March 1897. The latter (Mr. Rangasami Iyengar) thereupon passed × the following order. —

on the 28th June 1897

The

" The question in this case
" does not wholly turn
" upon the validity of the
" Nirup of H. H. Krishnaraj
" Wadayar III or on the
" effect to be given to it.

Parasara Venkata-Bhattachar

" The 1st appellant and his
" deceased elder brother
" have in their deposition
" of 10th November 1894
" agreed to the 1st honors
" being paid to the Para-
" -kala matt and its
" agents and this had
" been acted upon before
" the Govt. Iro of March 1895.
" was passed. I am not
" therefore at liberty
" to reopen the question.
" It must be noted
that

" that though the Amildar
" has in his report dated
" 10-11-94 stated that
" the appellants were receiving
" the 1st honors previously
" they have not produced
" any documents in
" support of their case
" as required by the
" Sub-Dn Offr. In this
" view the order of the
" Sub-Dn Officer will
" be allowed to stand
" and the appeal will be
dismissed"

8. Bhattarachar and Singrachar have now presented an appeal[x] to Government against the foregoing order of the

Dy

x Petn no 242 dated 10th September 1897

Dy Commissioner. The appeal grounds are:—

i The Agra Tertha honors in the Sri Ranga-nathaswami Temple at Rangasthala were being enjoyed by their family in hereditary succession.

ii That since the issue of the Samnad by H. H. in 1811, the Parakala-swami did never once visit the temple nor were the 1st honors paid to the Matt's Agents.

iii That the deposition of Venkata Bhattachar was taken when he was not in his proper senses owing to illness and that

they

do not know what
deposition he gave; and
that even if he had
consented to the 1st honors
being given to the matt,
it ~~was~~ is not binding
on them (petrors).

iv That the fact that
they were in the enjoyment
of these honors is borne
out by the Amildar's
report dated 10th November 1894
and v that the Government
order[x] of 1895 prohibits
the allowing of the honors
to the matt's Agents.

x Printed copy
put up

Submitted

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Deputy Secretary's Remarks.

9. In the present case, although the Appellants (the Acharyapurushas) have no Sanads or other similar documents in support of their claim, they have long uninterrupted enjoyment in their favor. The Nirup of H. H. Maharaja Krishnaraj Wadier III was issued so far back as 1811, but no attempt was made by the Matt to enforce its right up to the year 1894-95 or more than 80 years later, and from that time, the Appellants have been contesting the Matt's claim.

10. The Deputy Commissioner bases his order of the 28th June 1897, on the fact that one of the Appellants (Parasara Venkata Bhattachar)

and his elder brother agreed, in their deposition dated the 10th November 1894, to the first honors being given to the Parakalaswami Matt and its Agents, but the other appellants contend that such a consent is not binding upon them.

11. The Government Order No. C 42-5, dated 15th March 1895, lays it down that H. H. the Maharaja's Sannad of 1811 "can only "be enforced in those particular "Vishnu temples where it has been "enforced without interruption "and without question during a "period sufficient to give the Matt "or its representatives a prescriptive "right to the privileges in question". The present case seems to be one in which long enjoyment must be held to operate in favor of the Appellants.

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It seems to me that in all such disputes effect should be given to settlements agreed upon by both the parties when in a conciliatory mood. The Dep. Comr. & the Sub Dn. Offr. have accordingly bound the Petrs. by their statement or rather the statement of their representative man that the honours contended for might be shown under the terms of H. H. the Maharaja Krishna Raja Wadeyar Bahadur's order to Parkalswami & his agent. The order seems to have proceeded on reasonable and intelligible grounds & on the consent of the parties. It is inexpedient to distrust it. The appeal may be rejected.

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శాయిమోడురు.

కృష్ణరాజవతేయరవరు.

ప్రజోత్పత్తిసంవత్సరదవ్యే
శాఖబడుళ ౧౨ సోమవారద
ల్లు శ్రీమకు అరమనే శీమే గతిగ
ళ ఆమోలానే, వ, కిల్లేదారనే, వ,
దేవస్థానదహిరుపత్తేగారనే,
ఠాలి ఇస్తకబాల యిలాఖేమూ
లక వృసూరు ౪రేసిక-ళుఠసిదన
రూపు అదాగి.

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విష్ణుదేవస్థానగళల్లి వేదమాగ
యిక్కాది రాజగురుగళాదశ్రీఫం
టావకారపరకాలస్వామిగళవ
రిగే మోదలు కీర్తిగ కిరుమాలే-వ
రశేవినియోగ శ్రీశఠగోపమం

కాదనకలమర్యాదేగళన్నప్రథమ
కకోంతువంకే అప్పణే కోంతిశియిద్ధే
కాగి అవరకతేయిందలిచ్ఛాధారక
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మిగళవరు దయమాంతిశిదల్లి శ్రీ
శటిగోపి, కాళ, మ్యాళనకుపద్ధతిప్ర
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బరదప్రకారమర్యాదేగుంతినతి
నువదు. శ్రీస్వామిగళవరుకేళిద
ప్రకారనతదుక్కోంతు ముందల
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వశత్తే ఉందత్తే కోంతువదు -

ఇతి రీఖు మే మాంజ్రం నేన్ ౧౪॥

శ్రీ శ్రీ శ్లోకం చందిధ్-

Copy of the Copy of the Sannad produced by Mr. Rangachar, Agent of the Sri Parakala Matt, in connection with the Agra Mariyade claimed by the Matt at Rangasthala

Proceedings of the Government of Mysore,
(Muzrai),—dated 15th March 1895.

READ the following papers :—

1. Appeal Petition, dated the 9th December 1887, from the Agent of the Sri Parakala Matt in Mysore, against the Bangalore District Deputy Commissioner's order disallowing the Matt's claim to *Agrathirtha* honor in the Sri Apprameyaswami Temple in Mallur, Channapatna Taluk.

2. Appeal Petition from Kadambi Garuda Char, urging his right to the *Agrathirtha* honor in the Sri Rama Devaru Temple at Kadaba, Gubbi Taluk.

3. Appeal Petition, dated the 22nd August 1893, from Narasimha Char and Ranga Char of Belattur, praying that the family of Gomatam Singla Char may not be allowed to enjoy the *Arulapadu* and the *Agrathirtha* honors in the temple of Sri Lakshmi Narasimhaswami in Belattur, Heggaddevankote Taluk.

4. Appeal Petition, dated the 20th November 1889, from Ayyanavara Krishna Bhatta of Banavar, against the Hassan District Deputy Commissioner's order depriving him of the *Agrathirtha* and certain other honors long enjoyed by him in the temples of Rama Devaru in Banavar and Venkatramanaswami in Malekal Tirupati, Arsikere Taluk.

5. Records relating to the foregoing Appeal Petitions submitted respectively by the Deputy Commissioners of Bangalore, Tumkur, Mysore and Hassan Districts.

READ ALSO :—

The following extract from the Muzrai Superintendent's Memo dated the 2nd August 1894 :—

The Priest of the Sri Parakala Matt claims that the *Agrathirtha* honors in all the Vishnu Temples in the Province should be allowed to him whenever he personally visits them, and that during his absence the same honors should be given to his local representatives. This claim of his is based on a Nirup, dated 20th May 1811, granted by H. H. the late Maharaja (Krishnaraj Wodayar III.), of which the following is an abstract translation :—

Nirup addressed to all the Amildars, the Killedars and the Devasthanam Parpattegars in the Province, through the Isthakabal Department :—

It is hereby ordered that in all the Vishnu Temples within your respective jurisdiction, the *First Thirtha, Tirumale, Varisai, Viniyoga, Sri Satagopa, &c.* should first be given to the Raja Guru, Sri Parakala Swami. The honors of the *First Thirtha, Thomale, &c.* should also be allowed to those Brahmins of the Matt to whom the Swami might direct the same should be given. Further, whenever the Swami comes to visit the Temples, he should be received with *Sri Satagopa,* music and other honors, and conducted into the Temples where he should be paid all the *Maryades* referred to above. In such of the Vishnu Temples as the Swami might visit, his wishes should be attended to—and then, with due honors he should be sent to the *next stage.*

2. The Acharyapurushas, a class of men holding certain recognized religious status in the Sri Vaishnava Community, while conceding the Swami's right to receive the *Agrathirtha* whenever he is himself present in the Temples, oppose the granting of the same privilege to his local representatives during his absence. They further contend that the terms of the Nirup of H. H. the late Maharaja (Krishnaraj Wodayar III.), on which the Matt relies, have been modified by subsequent ones granted by the same authority.

3. There are now, pending before Government, 4 appeals in which the question of *Agrathirtha* is involved, and they relate to the following Temples :—

I.—Sri Apprameyaswami Temple in Mallur, Channapatna Taluk.
II.—Sri Rama Devaru Temple in Kadaba, Gubbi Taluk.
III.—Sri Lakshmi Narasimhaswami Temple in Belattur, Heggaddevankote Taluk.
IV.—Sri Rama Devaru Temple in Banavar and Sri Venkatramanaswami Temple in Malekal Tirupati, Arsikere Taluk.

4. **No. I.—Mallur Temple.**—In this temple, a contest arose between the local Acharyapurushas and the Sri Parakala Matt so far back as 1819, regarding the right of the latter to receive the *First Thirtha* through a proxy, as then it would place the Acharyapurushas in point of precedence next, not to the Swami himself to which they had no objection, but, to his Gumasta, which they contended was highly derogatory to their position. This matter having been represented to H. H. the late Maharaja (Krishnaraj Wodayar III.), he was pleased to issue another Nirup, dated 31st October 1819, in modification of the first one, to the Amildars of Mysore, Nagamangala, Mandya, Maddur, Magadi and other Taluks, an abstract translation of which runs thus:—

> We have perused the Arzi submitted by the Amildar of the Channapatna Taluk, in which he reports that the Acharyapurushas of Mallur object to the giving of the *Agrathirtha Maryade* in the Mallur Apprameyaswami Temple to the Gumasta of the Sri Parakala Swami, to whom (the Swami) the payment of such honor was ordered in a previous Nirup, and that, if a substitute or a Gumasta be appointed to receive the *Agrathirtha Maryade* on behalf of the Parakala Matt, the Swamis of the Ahobala and other Matts will not visit the temple, and therefore solicits instructions on the subject. On representing the matter to the Swami of the Sri Parakala Matt, he has been pleased to observe that permanent Gumastas have been appointed in the temples at Melkote and Sreerangapatam, but that, in those of Mysore and other Taluks, it would be quite enough if the *Agrathirtha Maryade* be paid to him on those days only when he, the Swami, personally visits the temples, and on other days, the said honors need not be paid to his Gumasta.
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> Henceforward in all temples in your Taluks, *Agrathirtha* and all other honors should be given to the Guru of the Sri Parakala Matt whenever he himself is present in person, and during his absence, the same need not be given to the Gumasta of the Matt, but should be given in accordance with practice to the local Acharyapurushas, and to the Swamis of the Ahobala and other Matts, whenever they visit the temples.

After the issue of the second Nirup, matters appear to have gone on smoothly for scores of years in the Mallur Devasthanam. But when a new Swami came to the office in 1874 or thereabouts, the old claim to the grant of the *First Thirtha* honors to the Matt's Gumasta was again brought forward, and the Acharyapurushas opposed the Matt's claim on the strength of the Nirup of 1819. The genuineness of this Nirup having been then questioned by the Matt, the then Deputy Commissioner of the Bangalore District, Major Tredway Clarke, after a protracted enquiry, declared it to be a genuine document and directed the enforcement of its terms. The Matt apparently acquiesced in this order for a period of nearly 12 years, and in 1885, when the present Swami came to office, he again renewed the old claim. But Major Macintire, who was then the Deputy Commissioner of the District, disallowed it and declined to re-open the question set at rest in 1874. The Matt has now appealed against the above order of Major Macintire, and its contention is chiefly based on the ground that the Nirup of 1819 is not genuine.

5. **No. II.—Sri Rama Devaru Temple in Kadaba.**—In October 1893, the Agent of the Parakala Matt represented to the Deputy Commissioner of Tumkur that one Kadambi Garudachar, who had till then been receiving the honors of *First Thirtha* in this Temple as the Gumasta of the Matt, was removed from the Gumastaship, and requested that the honors might be ordered to be given to one Srinivasa Raghava Char. The Deputy Commissioner, without holding any enquiry in the matter, at once issued an order, dated 18th November 1893, to the Amildar of the Gubbi Taluk directing him to comply with the Matt's request.

Kadambi Garuda Char then came forward and stated that he was receiving the *First Thirtha* honors, not as the Gumasta of the Parakala Matt, but in his own right by virtue of the Nirup, dated 28th October 1829, granted to his ancestor by H. H. the late Maharaja (Krishnaraj Wodayar III.), admitting at the same time that in Vikrama (1880–81) he had entered into an agreement with the then Guru of the Matt consenting to be the Matt's local representative and receive not only the *First Thirtha* on behalf of the Matt but also another one in his own right as Acharyapurusha provided that the Guru would communicate the said arrangements in writing to the Deputy Commissioner and the Amildar, but the Swami having failed to do so, the agreement subsequently fell through. Garuda Char therefore stated that he had all along been receiving the *First Thirtha* in the temple only in his own individual right and prayed for the continuance of the same as a family privilege under the Nirup of 1829.

The Matt's Agent now contends that the *Agrathirtha* in all the Vishnu Temples in the Province is always due to the Matt's representative as per Nirup dated 20th May 1811 issued by H. H. the late Maharaja (Krishnaraj Wodayar III.), and that the Nirup of 1829 produced by Garuda Char is not genuine. The Deputy Commissioner has submitted for the orders of Government the entire records connected with the dispute.

6. No. III.—Sri Lakshmi Narasimhaswami Temple in Belattur.—In July 1886, one Narasimha Char petitioned the Amildar of the Heggaddevankote Taluk stating that the *Arulapadu* in the Sri Lakshmi Narasimhaswami Temple in Belattur was being conducted in the name of Gomatam Singla Char, and requesting that the practice might be put a stop to on the ground that the said Singla Char was not entitled to that special honor. The counter-petitioner Singaperumal Iyengar, a descendant of the said Gomatam Singla Char, represented that the practice of conducting *Arulapadu* in the name of Gomatam Singla Char, who was the founder of the temple, was based on a Nirup dated 4th November 1813 issued by H. H. the late Maharaja (Krishnaraj Wodayar III.). The District Muzrai Officer, to whom the Amildar submitted the case for orders, held an enquiry into the subject and finding, that the Nirup of 1813 was a genuine document, passed an order, dated 8th July 1887, directing the continuance of the existing practice.

Against the above order of the District Muzrai Officer, Narasimha Char and one Ranga Char appealed to Government in a petition, dated 25th October 1887. On this, the Deputy Commissioner was requested to hold a formal enquiry into the genuineness of the Nirup of 1813 and report the result, with his opinion, to Government for orders. In reply, that Officer reported that he saw no reason to doubt the genuineness of the document. Thereupon the Government in Proceedings No. 931—Muzrai F. 170-92, dated 22nd June 1893, rejected the appeal and declined to interfere with the existing practice.

The appellants again presented a petition, dated 22nd August 1893, praying for a re-consideration of the orders conveyed in the Government Proceedings referred to above, principally on the ground that the Nirup of 1813 was not a genuine document.

The Deputy Commissioner was once more requested to examine the Nirup in question carefully and report the result. But when the parties were summoned to appear before the District Muzrai Officer for the purpose of re-enquiry, they failed to

appear before him, and the entire records have therefore been re-transmitted to Government for orders.

7. No. IV.—Sri Rama Devaru Temple in Banavar and Sri Venkatramanaswâmi Temple in Malekal Tirupati.—The circumstances of this case are not analogous to those of the 3 cases above dealt with. The ancestors of the appellant Ayyanavara Krishna Bhatta improved the temples at a considerable cost, and in consideration thereof, the appellant's family have been enjoying the *First Thirtha* honors for several generations past. It was only in the year 1888 that the Manager of the Sri Parakala Matt applied, for the first time, to the Deputy Commissioner of Hassan, to allow the *Agra Maryade* to the local Gumasta of the Matt. The appellant naturally resisted the claim and alleged that at no time such honors were ever given to the Matt's Gumasta. The Deputy Commissioner, under the authority conveyed in the Nirup of 1811, decided that the Matt's Gumasta should be allowed the *First Thirtha* in preference to the appellant's family, notwithstanding that the latter had enjoyed this honor uninterruptedly for a period of 77 years even after the issue of the Nirup of 1811. Against this order of the Deputy Commissioner, Ayyanavara Krishna Bhatta has preferred an appeal to Government.

8. All the four appeals above referred to were heard on Thursday the 26th July 1894, before the Dewan assisted by the Chief Judge, in the presence of the parties concerned, Mr. B. Srinivasa Iyengar, Advocate, Bangalore, appearing on behalf of the Matt; and at the conclusion of the hearing, it was announced that the papers would be laid before His Highness for orders. Accordingly on the following day, the Dewan, accompanied by the Muzrai Superintendent, proceeded to the Palace and submitted the entire records to His Highness, who, after examining the Nirups produced by the Acharyapurushas, was of opinion that those documents were all genuine ones inasmuch as every one of them bore 2 or 3 lines written in the autograph of H. H. the late Maharaja (Krishnaraj Wodayar III.).

9. Then, after a full consideration of the circumstances of each case, His Highness remarked to the following effect:—that the only course to be taken, to put an end to all future controversies regarding the *First Thirtha*, was to issue a general order on the lines of the Nirup of 1819 to the effect that, whenever the Sri Parakalaswami personally visits the temples, the *First Thirtha* should be given to the Swami, and after him, to any one else then present to whom the Swami might direct that it should be given, that when the Swami is not personally present, the *Thirtham* should be given, not to his Gumasta, but to the local Acharyapurushas and others as per *mamul*, and that, if considered necessary, a new Sannad to the above effect would be issued under the signature of His Highness in supersession of all the old ones on the subject of *Agrathirtha*.

No. C. 42—5, dated Camp Mysore, the 15th March 1895.

Order thereon.—The Sannad of His Highness Krishnaraj Wodayar III., dated 20th May 1811, in favor of the Parakalaswami Matt as regards *Agrathirtha* in all Vishnu Temples, cannot be enforced in the absolute way the said Matt claims. That Sannad can only be enforced in those particular

Vishnu Temples where it has been enforced without interruption and without question during a period sufficient to give the Matt or its representatives a prescriptive right to the privileges in question; where such enjoyment is wanting, the Matt cannot now be allowed to claim the privileges in question on the strength of the Sannad of 20th May 1811, for that Sannad must be held to have been modified by the subsequent Sannad of 31st October 1819, which, though issued in the case of the Mallur temple, contains a general direction, applicable to all temples, except those at Sreerangapatam and Melkote, for the exclusion of the Matt's Agents. How far this direction should be enforced is a question which need not now be considered where a contrary custom has been long in force. There is, however, ample proof that His Highness Krishnaraj Wodayar III. never intended any new diversion, in favor of the Matt's representatives, of privileges already vesting in others.

2. With these preliminary observations, the Government now proceed to pass orders on the particular cases now pending before it, in all of which, the Matt claims the privileges in question for its Gumastas under the Sannad of 20th May 1811.

3. In the 1st or the Mallur case, the Matt's claim is rejected on the ground of the Sannad of 31st October 1819, which undoubtedly is genuine, and on the ground that the claim was decided against the Matt in 1874. The Matt should not have been allowed to re-open the case in 1885.

4. In the 2nd or the Kadaba case, the Matt's claim is rejected on the ground of the Sannad of 28th October 1829, whose genuineness has been most satisfactorily established. The Matt acted unwisely in urging this claim for the 1st time in 1893 on the untenable ground that the descendant of the grantee of the Sannad of 28th October 1829 was enjoying the privilege as the Matt's Gumasta. The Sannad of October 1829 shoud be enforced according to its terms.

5. In the 3rd or Belattur case, Gomatam Singla Char's descendants must continue to enjoy the *Arulapadu* and other honors under the Sannad of 4th November 1813. The claims to exclude them, preferred for the first time in 1886 by Narasimha Char and another, and by the Matt before the Amildar about the same time, are hereby rejected.

6. In the 4th or Banavar and Malekal Tirupati case, the Matt's claim to *Agrathirtha, &c.*, preferred for the first time in 1888, must be rejected. It is clear that the Sannad of 20th May 1811 has never been enforced in these temples, and that, for 77 years, the Matt never questioned the right of the Ayyanavaru family to the privileges in question. It is proved by public records that these privileges have been enjoyed by this family from time immemorial, that H. H. Krishnaraja Wodayar III., in 1817, ordered that the then Head of this family, Venkatramana Yogiswara, should be helped to carry on his work of repairing the temples and connected works, and that the said Yogiswara did carry out these works.

A. SREENIVASSACHARLU,
Secretary.

To—The Deputy Commissioners of Bangalore, Tumkur, Mysore and Hassan Districts, returning the Vernacular records.

Exd.—C.P.S

1895.

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

MUZRAI.

PROCEEDINGS.

Dated Camp Mysore, 15*th March* 1895.

No. C. 42—5.

Passing orders on the claims of the Sri Parakala Matt to *Agrathirtha* and other honors in Vishnu Temples in the Province.

Government Branch Press, Mysore.—18-3-95.—120.

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No. 1488

Name of Petitioner, Venkata Bhatracharya

Village, Son of Singracharya Residential

Taluk, Chickaballapur

District, Kolar

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ABSTRACT.

States that he is the Sthala Acharya Purusha of Ranga Sthala Temple near Chicka-ballapur; that from very early times his family received the highest honours of the Temple; that the present Sub-Division Officer Mr B.G. Krishnaiyegar has obstructed this mamool by showing the highest honours to one Tata Charya Gunnasta of Parakala Swamy's Mutt; that upon his appeal to the Dy Comr. to the effect that the 1st honours

To D.C. Kolar No 570 of 7-10-95

should be paid to him he was informed that there were no grounds to cancel the Sub-Div officer's order, and that it is quite unjust that an agent or Gumasta should receive the 1st honours in preference to the Petr who is the mamool Sthala Purohit.

Prays that the 1st ~~hono~~ honours now paid to the Parakala Swamy's Gumasta, should be paid to the Petrs as ~~usu~~ usual and in accordance with the ~~pr~~ Proceedings of Govt.

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Muzrai Secretary.

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His official me-dum No 570 dated Ultimo forwarding Enquiry and a petition from Bhattacharya of Ras Chikballapur claim certain honours in temple at Ranjastala Chikballapur Talook

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Mr Krishnasawmy Iyengar decided that Tatachar on behalf of Sri Parakalswamy should receive first all honours in accordance with the Niroop of Prajatpatti (1811) issued by His late Highness the Mahakajah Sri Krishnaraja wadyar Bahdur, the claimant Venkatabhatrachar having also agreed to this arrangement in his deposition given before the amildar of Chikballapur on the 10th November 94 It would appear that the above order was passed after sufficient time was allowed to the complainant to produce any documentary evidence in support of his claim and he failed to do so.

The entire records connected with the case are submitted and the petition received with the above is returned. —

S/B G Krishnaiyar
Sub Division Officer
Chikballapur

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For Dy Commissioner

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From The Deputy Kolar

To Mulgrai

The Secretary to the Gov ~~Dewan~~ of Mysore

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General No. 2720

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In continuation with office docket No: 2266/599 of 19/20 December 1895 has the honor submit herewith the petition received from Venkatabhatta of Kasaba Chickballapur claiming certain honors in the temple at Ranagastala Chickballapur Taluk.

Deputy Commissioner
Kolar

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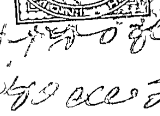

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Copy forwarded to the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District, for information with reference to his No. 2720/729 dated 3rd January 1896.

2. Vernacular Records herewith returned.

26.1.97.

By order

Muzrai Secretary

MYSORE DEWAN'S OFFICE

MUZRAI DEPARTMENT

Registered No.— 242.

Name of Petitioner— శ్రీపరాశరభట్రవిరశింగరాజార్యరు. భట్రాజార్యరు

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Date of Petition— 4 — 8 — 97.

Date of Receipt— 5 — 8 — 97.

No. of Enclosures— one

Abstract

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Order

The question in this Case does not wholly turn upon the Validity of the Sirup of His Highness Krishnaraj Wadayar III or the effect to be given to it. The 1st appellant and his deceased elder brother have in their deposition of 10th November 1894 agreed to the 1st honors being paid to the Darakaleshwa and to agents and this had been acted upon before the Government Proceedings of March 1895 was passed. I am not therefore at liberty to reopen the question. It must also be noted that though the Amildar has

was in his report dated 10-11-94 stated that the appellants were receiving the first honors previously, they have not produced any documents in support of their case as required by Sub-Division officer. In this view the order of the Sub Division officer will be allowed to stand and the appeal will be dismissed

(Signed) A. Rangaswami Iyengar
Deputy Commissioner
Kolar Dist.

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MYSORE DEWAN'S OFFICE,

MUZRAI DEPARTMENT.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

The accompanying Petition No. 242-477 dated 10th September '97 received at the Dewan's Office from Singarachar & Bhattachar of Chickballapur appealing against the order of the Dy Commr, regarding Agra Inatha Marguda is forwarded, together with its one enclosure, to the ~~Kolar District~~ Dy Commr Kolar Distt for submission of the records connected with the case.

By Order,

Muzrai Secretary.

BANGALORE, 4/10/97

Mysore Govt. C. Press, Bangalore.—17-12-92.—500.

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From
The Deputy Commissioner
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To

The Secretary to the
Government ~~Dewan~~ of Mysore.
Muzrai Department

Dated 21st October 1897

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General No. 1306
No. 307

Enclosure No. 2 & record.

His docket No 439 dated 2nd Instant forwarding petition No 242-477/10.9.97 of Singarachar and Battachar of Chickballapur and requesting the submission of the records connected with Agra Theertha Muryada case of Ranganathaswamy temple at Rangasthala

Has the honor to forward herewith the records as per ferist together with the petition No. 242-477/10.9.97 as called for in the above

A Ranganathan
Deputy Commissioner
Kolar District

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Read:—

~~Appeal~~ Petition no 242 dated 10th September 1897 from Singarachar and Bhattarachar of Chickaballapur, appealing against the Kolar Deputy Commissioner's order rejecting their claim to the ~~order depriving them of~~ "Agra Theertha" ~~and other~~ honors ~~enjoyed by them~~ in the Sri Ranganathaswami temple at Rangasthala, Chickaballapur Taluk.

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Records relating to the foregoing appeal petn, submitted by the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District with his [illegible]

No. 1306/307 dated 21st October 1897.

Order thereon. — No. No. 1092 Ent file VPP
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The facts of the case are as follows:—

~~[illegible]~~ The Swami of the Sri Parakala Matt addressed a Sreemukha dated Aswija Bahula Dwadasi of the year Jaya (1894-95) to the Sub Division Officer of Chickaballapur, stating that the "Agra Theertha" ~~and other~~ honors in the Sri Ranganathaswami temple at Rangasthala were due to the Matt as per Nirup issued by His Highness the late Maharaja Krishna Raja Wodiyar Bahadur III, in the year 1811

In continuation of this Sreemukha, the Agent of the Matt in his Yadi dated 2nd November 1894, intimated the appointment of one Tirumala Tatachar to receive "Agra Theertha honors in the temple as the local representative of the Matt. ~~in the temple.~~ ~~Before the receipt of the above mentioned Sreemukha and the Yadi~~ Venkatabhattarachar and his brother Ramachar alias Ramapulla Bhattarachar who were the Acharyapurushas at Chickballapur ~~personally~~ informed the Sub Division Officer that ~~it~~ by manual then kindly was enjoying

protested against the "Agra Tertha" honors being given to the Sri Jarakalaswami Matt, on the ground

that those honours were being enjoyed by their forefathers. ~~the "Agra Meertha" honours in the temple, and made a written statement to the effect. The~~ Sub Dn Officer in forwarding the statement and the Yadi - received by the Agent of the Sri Parakala Matt - to the Amildar, observed that in pursuance of the Firman of H.H. the late Maharaja Krishna Raj Wadiyar Bahadur III dated 20th May 1811, the "Agra Meertha" honors should be allowed to the Matt, and directed the Amildar to intimate the fact to Venkata Bhattachar and Ramachar and submit their statements in the matter.

~~but~~ They however produced no document in support of their contention, and ~~And~~ in the course of the local enquiry, they gave a statement before the ~~Assistant~~ Shirastadar of the Chikballapur Taluk on the 10th November 1894, agreeing to the ~~first~~ "Agra Eertha" honors being paid to the Sri Parakalaswami matt and its agents. The Sub-Dn Officer (now the late Mr A. Krishnaswamiengar) issued orders accordingly on the 10th November 1894.

In the course of the enquiry, Venkata Bhatta-char and Rama Char deposed that the first Meertha honors were in the enjoyment of their family for upwards of a century, that in accordance with the Sanad of 1811 they had no objection to the honors being given to the Swami whenever he personally visits the temple, and that since the issue of the Sanad the Swami never even once visited the temple nor appointed a representative to receive the honors in his behalf.

The Sub Division Officer thereupon directed that pending the production of sufficient authority of any, by the petitioners in support of their claim to the honours in question, the terms of the Sanad of 1811 should be given effect to. This was communicated to the petitioners who in their subsequent deposition stated that they had no objection to the first honours being given to the Swami or his Agent, but insisted upon the "Arulapadu" being conducted in the name of Parasara Bhattarar

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~~After the first honors were paid to the Matt. The Sub Division Officer, (the late Mr. A. Krishnasamiengar) approved of this. On the 23rd July 1895, Venkata Bhattachar petitioned the Dy Commr, stating that under the Govt. Pro: of 1895, the Sannad of 1811 could only be enforced in those particular temples? where it had been enforced without interruption but that where such enjoyment was wanting, the Matt could not be allowed to claim the privileges in question on the strength of the mere Sannad, and that therefore the Sub-Dn Offr was wrong in his division~~

~~Against the foregoing order of the Sub-Division Offr Venkata Bhattachar, one of the petitioners, thereupon petitioned appealed to the Dy Commr on the 23rd July 1895~~

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This petition ~~having been~~ was forwarded to the

The Dy Commr (Mr A. Rangasami Iyengar) observed that "the question in this case does not wholly turn upon the validity of the Nirup of H.H. ~~the Maharaja~~ Krishnaraj Wadiyar III or on the effect to be given to it. The first appellant - Parasara Venkata Bhattachar -- and his deceased elder brother have in their deposition ~~dated~~ of 10th Novr 1894 agreed to the first honors being paid to the Parakala Matt and its agents and this had been acted upon before the Govt Ro. of 1895 was passed. I am not therefore at liberty

Sub-Dn Officer

Mr B. G. Krishniengar who had since succeeded Mr Krishnaraj Iyengar ~~that officer~~ The former decided on the 9th September 1895 that the question could not be re-opened in as much as it had been already settled by his predecessor, in conformity with the petitioner's own deposition.

3. ~~Ramapulla Bhattachar alias Ramachar~~

3. In the meanwhile, Venkata Bhattachar, ~~[illegible]~~ having ~~been dead~~ died,

his brother Ramachar alias Ramapulla Bhattachar (one of the original petitioners), Bhattarachar, son of Raghunatha Bhattarachar and Singrachar, son of Venkata Bhattarachar (the other of the two original petitioners) ~~[illegible]~~ then appealed to the Dy Commr on the 8th March 1897. ~~against the orders of the Sub Dn Offr~~ The Dy Commr (Mr A. Rangaswami Iyengar) dismissed ~~[illegible]~~ the appeal ~~[illegible]~~ on the 28th June 1897, on the ground that the first appellant (Ramachar) and his deceased elder brother (Venkata Bhattarachar)

liberty to re-open the question. It must be noted that though the Amildar has in his report of 10th Novr 94 stated that the appellants were receiving the 1st honors previously they have not produced any documents in support of their case as required by the Sub Division Officer. In this view; the order of the Sub Dn Officer will be allowed to stand and the appeal will be dismissed."

2. Against the foregoing order of the Dy Commr, Bhattara

~~Char and Singrachar~~

have appealed to Govt. on the following pounds:

i) that "Agra Theertha" honors in the ~~Sri Ranganatharswami~~ temple ~~at Rangasthala~~ were being enjoyed by their family in hereditary succession.

ii) that since the issue of the Sannad by H. H. the Maharaja Krishnaraj Wodeyar Bahadur III in 1811, the Parakala Swami did not even once visit the temple nor were the honors paid to the Matt's agent

iii) that the deposition of Venkata Bhattaracharya was taken when he was not in his proper senses owing to his illness and

had in their deposition of the 10th November 1894 agreed to the first honors being paid to the Parakalaswami Matt and its agents and that this had been acted upon before the Govt. Ins of March 1895 was passed and that the appellants had not produced any documents in support of their case.

4. Against the foregoing order of the Dy Commr.

Bhattaracharya & Singracharya

and that even if he had consented to the first honors being given to the Matt, it is not binding on them

~~and~~ iv) that the fact that they were in the enjoyment of these honors is borne out by the Amildar's report dy 10th Novr 1894,

and v) that the Govt. order of 1895 prohibits the allowing of the honors to the Matt's Agents.

Order

"5 ~~With reference to the foregoing~~ above, The Govt. observe that in all such disputes, effect should be given to

settlements agreed upon by both the parties when in a conciliatory mood. The Dy Commr and the Sub Division Officer have accordingly bound the petitioners by their statement or rather the statement of their representative man that the honors contended for might be shown under the terms of His Highness the late Maharaja Krishna Raj Wodiyar Bahadurs order to ~~[illegible]~~ Parakala Swamin and his agent. The order seems to have proceeded on reasonable and intelligible

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grounds and on the consent of the parties, ~~It is~~ ~~the Govt~~ ~~therefore~~, and it is ~~consider it~~ inexpedient to disturb it. The appeal is accordingly rejected.

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To, Rs
The Dy Commr.
Kolar District
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Endt. to Petrs

Proceedings of the Government of H.H.the Maharaja of Mysore

Muzrai Department.

Read:-

Petition No. 242,dated 10th September 1897,from Singra Char and Bhattarachar of Chickballapur,appealing against the Kolar Deputy Commissioner's order,rejecting their claim to the "Agra Threetha" honors in the Sri Ranganathaswami temple at Rangasthala,Chickballapur Taluk.

And,

Records relating to the foregoing appeal petition,submitted by the Deputy Commissioner,Kolar District,with his Docket No. 1306/307 dated 21st October 1897.

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Order thereon No. 1092 Enclosure file VPP Dated Bangalore 22nd November 1902
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The facts of the case are as follows:-

The Swami of the Sri Parakala Matt addressed a Srimukha dated Aswija Bahula Dwadasi of the year Jaya (1894-95) to the Sub Division Officer of Chickballapur,stating that the "Agra Theertha" honors in the Sri Ranganatha Swami temple at Rangasthala were due to the Matt as per Nirup issued by H.H the late Maharaja Krishna Raja Wadiyar Bahadur III, in the year 1811 In continuation of this Srimukha, the Agent of the Matt in his Yadi dated 2nd November 1894,intimated the appointment of

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4. Against the foregoing order of the Deputy Commissioner, Bhattarachar and Singrachar have appealed to Government on the following grounds:-

i) that the "Agra Teertha" honors in the temple were being enjoyed by their family in ~~his~~ hereditary succession.

ii) that since the issue of the Sannad by H.H. the Maha-Raja Krishna Raja Wadiyar Bahadur III in 1811, the Parakalaswami did not even once visit the temple nor were the honors paid to the Matt's Agent.

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The Government observe that in all such disputes, effect should be given to settlements agreed upon by both the parties when in a [illegible] mood. The Deputy Commissioner and the Sub Division Officer [illegible] record only proved the petitioners by their statement or rather the statement of their representative man, that the honors contended for might be shown [illegible] terms of His Highness the late Maharaja Krishna Raja Wadiyar Bahadur's Order to Parakala Swami and his Agent. The order seems to [illegible] proceeded on reasonable and intelligible grounds and on the consent of the parties, and it is inexpedient to disturb it. The appeal is accordingly rejected.

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Deputy Secretary, Muzrai Department.

To Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District, returning records.

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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

MUZRAI

PROCEEDINGS

Dated 22nd November 1902

No. $\frac{1092}{\text{Muz.F.24-96}}$

Rejecting the petition of Singrachar and Bhattarachar of Chikballapur appealing against the order of the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District, regarding their claim to the "Agra Thirtha" honors in the Sri Ranganathaswami temple at Rangasthala, Chikballapur Taluk.

SBP—9-12-02—200

READ—

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AND—

Records relating to the foregoing appeal petition submitted by the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District, with his docket No. 1306—307, dated 21st October 1897.

No. 1092—MUZ. F. 24-96, DATED BANGALORE, 22ND NOVEMBER 1902.

ORDER THEREON.—The facts of the case are as follow :—

The Swami of the Sri Parakala Matt addressed a Srimukha, dated Aswija Bahula Dwadasi of the year Jaya (1894-95), to the Sub-Division Officer of Chikballapur, stating that the "Agra Thirtha" honors in the Sri Ranganathaswami temple at Rangasthala were due to the Matt, as per Nirup issued by His Highness the late Maharaja Krishnaraja Wodiyar Bahadur III, in the year 1811. In continuation of this Srimukha, the Agent of the Matt, in his yadi dated 2nd November 1894, intimated the appointment of one Tirumala Tatachar to receive "Agra Thirtha" honors in the temple, as the local representative of the Matt. Venkatabhattarachar and his brother Ramachar *alias* Ramapulla Bhattarachar, who were the Acharyapurushas at Chikballapur, protested against these honors being given to the Sri Parakalaswami Matt, on the ground that the honors were being enjoyed by their family. They, however, produced no document in support of their contention, and subsequently, in the course of the local enquiry, they gave a statement before the Sheristadar of the Chikballapur Taluk, on the 10th November 1894, agreeing to the "Agra Thirtha" honors being paid to the Sri Parakalaswami Matt and its agents. The Sub-Division Officer (the late Mr. A. Krishnaswamiengar) issued orders accordingly on the 10th November 1894.

2. Venkatabhattrachar, one of the petitioners, thereupon presented a petition to the Deputy Commissioner on the 23rd July 1895, stating that, under the Government Proceedings of 1895, the sannad of 1811 could only be enforced in those particular temples where it had been enforced without interruption; but that where such enjoyment was wanting, the Matt could not be allowed to claim the privileges in question, on the strength of the mere sannad; and that therefore the Sub-Division Officer was wrong in his decision. This petition was forwarded to the Sub-Division Officer, Mr. B. G. Krishnaiengar, who had since succeeded Mr. Krishnaswamiengar. The former decided on the 9th September 1895, that the question could not be reopened, in as much as it had been already settled by his predecessor, in conformity with the petitioner's own deposition.

3. In the meanwhile, Venkatabhattarachar having died, his brother Ramachar *alais* Ramapulla Bhattachar, (one of the original petitioners), Bhattachar, son of Raghunatha Bhattaru, and Singrachar, son of Venkata Bhattarachar (the other of the two original petitioners), then appealed to the Deputy Commissioner on the 8th March 1897. The Deputy Commissioner (Mr. A. Rangaswamiengar) dismissed the appeal on the 28th June 1897, on the ground that the first appellant (Ramachar) and his deceased elder brother (Venkatabhattarachar) had, in their deposition of the 10th November 1894, agreed to the first honors being paid to the Sri Parakalaswami Matt, and its agents and that this had been acted upon before the Government Proceedings of March 1895 was passed, and that the appellants had not produced any documents in support of their case.

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(iii) that the deposition of Venkatabhattarachar was taken when he was not in his proper senses owing to his illness, and that even if he had consented to the first honors being given to the Matt, it is not binding on them,

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anb (v) that the Government Order of 1895 prohibits the allowing of the honors to the Matt's agents.

5. The Government observe that in all such disputes, effect should be given to settlements agreed upon by both the parties when in a conciliatory mood. The Deputy Commissioner and the Sub-Division Officer have accordingly bound the petitioners by their statement or rather the statement of their representative man, that the honors contended for might be shown, under the terms of His Highness the late Maharaja Krishnaraj Wodiyar Bahadur's order, to Parakalaswami and his agent. The order seems to have proceeded on reasonable and intelligible grounds and on the consent of the parties, and it is inexpedient to disturb it. The appeal is accordingly rejected.

Dy. Secy., Muz. Dept.

To—The Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District, returning records.

Exd.—C.V.

No. 1093

Office of the Dewan
of Mysore
Mujrai Department

Dated Bangalore, 22 November 1902.

Endorsement granted to Singracharu and Bhattarachar of Chikballapur, appealing against the Kolar Deputy Commissioner's order, rejecting their claim to the "Agra Teertha" honors in the Sri Ranganathaswami temple at Rangasthala, Chikballapur Taluk.

In reply, the petitioners are informed that the order of the Dy Comr, appealed against seems to have proceeded

on reasonable and intelligible grounds and on the consent of the ~~parties~~ petitioners. ~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~that~~ The Govern-
-ment ~~thinks~~ ~~are of opinion that~~ ~~that~~ consider it ~~is~~ inexpedient to disturb ~~it~~ the order. The appeal is accordingly rejected.

By order

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Deputy Secretary,
Mysore Department.

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